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BOARD OF PHARMACY

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION: OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:

Administrative Action

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

Manuprasad Parikh, R.P. License No.: 28RI101952600

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") upon receipt of respondent Manuprasad Parikh's application for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy in this State. Respondent held a license to practice Pharmacy in the State of New Jersey from 1987 until 2003. In late 2003, respondent plead guilty to one count of Medicaid Fraud in the third degree in violation of N.J.S.A. 30:4D-17. On January 9, 2004, he was sentenced to three years probation, restitution in the amount of \$180,000 and other fees and penaltics. By way of a final consent order dated December 3, 2003, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license to practice pharmacy to deemed a revocation, with no right to request reinstatement prior to termination of criminal probation or supervised release. He also agreed to divest his ownership interest in Irving

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Pharmacy and to limit his contact with Toledo Pharmacy and Williams Pharmacy to collection of income.

In support of his application for reinstatement, respondent testified under oath before the Board on April 23, 2008, and provided a written certified statement, letters of reference from community and religious leaders and colleagues, and additional materials documenting his the successful completion of his criminal sentence. Respondent has complied fully with all of the conditions of his criminal sentence and was discharged from probation on January 19, 2007. As part of his criminal sentence, Respondent made full restitution in a timely manner and completed extensive community service. Respondent has also taken several continuing education courses to maintain currency in the field of pharmacy. Respondent acknowledges that the behavior leading to his conviction and the revocation of his Pharmacy license constitutes scrious misconduct and remains resolved to dedicate himself to a lawful and productive life.

Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that, given the period of time respondent has been out of practice and the issues which caused the revocation of his license, this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23rd day of December, 2008, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's license shall be reinstated following his provision of the following documents to the Executive Director of the Board, which shall all be to the satisfaction of the Board:
 - a. Documentation of successful completion of the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE).

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- b. After successful completion of the MPJE, respondent shall enter into and submit documentation of successful completion of a board approved six month practicum/internship with a Board approved preceptor. Successful completion means that the preceptor supports without reservation the reinstatement of respondent's license to practice pharmacy.
- c. Documentation of successful completion of either the ProBe or Prime ethics course within six months of the filing date of this Order. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservations.
- d. Documentation of all continuing education credits required by <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:39-3A.1 to 13:39-3A.7 for the all biennial periods beginning with the 2007-2009 biennial period and extending until the present.
- e. Proof of successful completion of all application requirements including a Criminal History Background Check negative for any actions not mentioned above and payment of all reinstatement fees.
- 2. After respondent has complied with all the requirements of paragraph one of this Order to the satisfaction of the Board, respondent's license to practice pharmacy shall be reinstated subject to the conditions in paragraphs three through five of this Order.
- 3. A copy of this Order shall be provided to all employers where a pharmacy license is required for employment or where the respondent has access to medication, prescriptions or patient profiles for a period of two years following reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy. The respondent shall ensure that each employer notifies the Board in writing that he or she has received this Order prior to respondent beginning employment.
- 4. The respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any employment changes, including periods of unemployment, and shall also provide a detailed description of his job, role and responsibilities.

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5. Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or a pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy for a period of two years following reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

Manuprasad Parikh, R.P.

Consent as to from and entry:

Zuluna Farber, Esq.

Attorney for Respondent

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